GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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AMOUNT SPENT ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount spent on agricultural research in India is meagre as compared to other developed countries of the World;

(b) if so, whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has made a demand for more provision in the budget for agricultural research work;

(c) if so, whether his ministry propose to sanction more funds for research work taking into account the demand of the ICAR; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The funds are allocated by the Ministry of Finance through the Planning Commission.

(d) The Department has been allocated Rs. 5368 crore for Xth Five Year Plan in comparison to Rs. 3376.95 crore for the IX Five Year Plan which is 58.96% more than the IX Five Year Plan allocation.For the Annual Plan (2003-04) the allocation is Rs. 775 crore which was the same allocation during 2002-03.